

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EFFECT OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED PROJECTS ON FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that there is no positive effect on flood affected areas of various programmes for well planned development through Centrally sponsored projects;
- (b) if so, the persons behind the organisers being not able to prepare any other appropriate scheme for the areas to check this national waste;
- (c) whether the Government propose to start special programme in lieu of common planning procedures for those areas;
- (d) if so, the methodology and action plan under consideration by the Government; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(e): Flood is a natural phenomenon and complete protection to all the flood affected areas against all magnitudes of flood is neither practically feasible nor economically viable. Reasonable protection against flood using combination of structural and non-structural measures is the strategy adopted for flood management.

Flood control/management is primarily the function of the State Government. Central Government make available funds for flood control schemes in Annual Plans to the State Governments through Planning Commission. In addition, the Central Government gives special assistance to the border States and North Eastern States for taking up some special priority works. Central Government is also making available the flood forecasting services for major inter State rivers through 157 flood forecasting stations being maintained and operated by Central Water Commission